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25X1A2g [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] on the Viet Minh organization in Siam  
25X1A6a for an earlier report on personnel of the Udon Tong Bo.)

1. Nguyen Ngoc Chan, alias Nguyen Nhu, was born in Nghe An (probably Nghi An) in about 1911. He was imprisoned by the French for "banditry" in 1941. While in prison, he was converted to Communism by Chinese Communist fellow-prisoners. He was released from prison in 1945 or 1946 by the Viet Minh. Chan received a primary school education only and writes poorly but speaks Annamese, Chinese and Siamese well. He is about 5' 6" in height and is a person of commanding presence - strong, dark and "tough". He was with HO Chi Minh in Udon in 1934 [REDACTED], and was the founder of the Vietnamese Communist network in Siam. Up until approximately a year ago, Chan was more or less openly known to be a member of the Udon Tong Bo. He was then apparently "dismissed" and became a sawmill worker. However, the dismissal was purely a device to permit him to go underground. He is the true chief of the Udon Tong Bo. He dislikes Tran Van Chieu who went to Udon several times in an attempt to win Chan's friendship, but without success.

X1A6a without success. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported HO's residence in Siam as being  
X1A2c from 1928 to 1930.) [REDACTED]

2. Le Van Long was born in Nam Dinh in about 1910 and claims to have a French education. He worked in a Nam Dinh weaving factory for a time and was imprisoned in 1938 by the French for having organized a strike. He was later released. He went to Laos in 1942 and stayed in Vientiane until the evacuation of 1946. During this time, he took courses in Marxism in the Viet Minh Can Bo schools in Laos.

25X1A2g 3. Le Duy Luong, who is at present the nominal chief of the Udon Tong Bo, is a pure figurehead. He is an efficient bureaucrat and was formerly professor of history and geography at the Vientiane Lycee. (See [redacted])

4. Three other members of the Udon Tong Bo are:
- a. Chan (not to be confused with Nguyen Ngoc Chan);
  - b. Xo;
  - c. Prasert (name used in Siam, real name unknown.).

Little is known about these three persons except that they were all at some time inmates of Siam's prisons and were converted to Communism.

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during their terms of imprisonment [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Comment. It is not clear whether these persons are members of the Tong Bo, or merely staff personnel.)

5. Viet Minh representatives in Bangkok are under the direct command of the Udon Tong Bo and are not permitted to make any important decisions without prior consultation with the Udon Tong Bo.

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